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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH NYERERE

REFERENCES: (A) DAR-ES-SALAAM 2607; (B) DAR-ES-SALAAM 2606

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH NYERERE, YOU SHOULD SAY (WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL A):

(A) ON FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE UGANDA-KENYA QUARREL:
THE USG HAS NO INTEREST IN INTERFERING IN THE AFFAIRS OF EAST AFRICA, AND IS THEREFORE REASSURED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE'S STATEMENT THAT EAST AFRICAN STATES WILL "HANDLE" THE PROBLEM. THUS, WE WILL VERY MUCH WELCOME ANYTHING THE STATES OF EAST AFRICA CAN DO TO CONTAIN THE SITUATION;

(B) ON THE LONDON OBSERVER STORY: YOU SHOULD GIVE NYERERE THE TEXT OF THE PRESS GUIDANCE WE HAVE PREPARED FOR USE HERE. THAT GUIDANCE WAS SENT TO YOU IN STATE 177817, BUT HAS BEEN MODIFIED SLIGHTLY. TEXT OF REVISED GUIDANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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"THERE ARE BRITISH PRESS REPORTS CITING A SOURCE IN

DAR-ES-SALAAM THAT AMB. SCHAUFLE TOLD NYERERE THAT WE
HAVE URGED THE BRITISH TO TAKE OVER RHODESIA BY MILITARY
FORCE, IF NECESSARY.

QUESTION: IS THERE SUCH A MILITARY PLAN?

ANSWER: NO SUCH PLAN FOR A MILITARY TAKEOVER HAS BEEN
PROPOSED BY THE USG OR BY ANY U.S. OFFICIAL. I WOULD
NOTE THAT HMG HAS ALSO SAID THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY
SUCH PLAN NOR HAS ANY SUCH PLAN BEEN PROPOSED TO IT.

QUESTION: WHAT WAS AMB. SCHAUFLE DOING IN AFRICA?

ANSWER: AMB. SCHAUFLE'S VISIT TO AFRICA WAS FOR THE
PURPOSE THAT WE HAD IN ANNOUNCING IT; TO CONSULT WITH
AFRICAN LEADERS FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH
MR. VORSTER.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE SECRETARY SEE MR. VORSTER?

ANSWER: AS WE HAVE SAID, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE CON-
CERNING A SECOND MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND MR.
VORSTER." KISSINGER

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